



AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph from page 27, line 26 through page 28, line 6 to the following replacement paragraph:

Debris shield 460, disposed along the leading surface 422, is a feature of hydrodynamic surface [[20]] 420 the primary purpose of which is not hydrodynamic. Rather, debris shield 460 protects hydrodynamic surface 420 from incoming contaminant particles during nominal flight of slider 410. Debris shield 460 may also be composed of a responsive aeroelastic deposit in some embodiments. This provides the advantage, for instance, when used in tandem with responsive aeroelastic deposit bearing surfaces, to remain level with those bearing surfaces and thereby continue to protect hydrodynamic surface 420 from contaminant particles as the aeroelastic bearing surfaces respond to the stimulus.